

REMARKS:

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-27 are pending in the application, that claims 1 through 3 and 6 through 8 are rejected, claims 4, 5 and 9 through 12 are objected to, and claims 13 through 27 are allowed. The Examiner notes that claims 4, 5 and 9 through 12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection of a base claim.

6 In accord with the Examiner's remarks, the present amendments make the following
7 changes to the claims:

8 Claim 1 is presently amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 4 and
9 claim 4 is withdrawn. Dependent claims 2 and 3 thereby incorporate the added limitation to claim
10 1 and therefore remain unchanged in the present amendment.. Claim 5 is presently amended to
11 change its dependency from claim 4 to claim 1.

12 Claim 6 is presently amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 9 and
13 claim 9 is withdrawn. Dependent claims 7, 8, 10 and 12 thereby incorporate the added limitation
14 to claim 1 and therefore remain unchanged in the present amendment.. Claim 11 is presently
15 amended to change its dependency from claim 9 to claim 6.

Conclusion

17 Applicant respectfully submits that this submission is fully responsive to the January 11,
18 2005 Office Action, and these claims are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of
19 Allowance at an early date is therefore requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (661)395-1000.

Respectfully submitted,

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